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1. RKG FONMIN LONG BORET ACCOMPANIED BY NEW KHMER PERM REP THOUTCH VUTTHI PAID COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADORS SCALI AND BENNETT SEPT. 27. SCALI EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH COOPERATION WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN TWO MISSIONS AND PROMISED THIS WOULD CONTINUE AND EXPAND AS REQUIRED TO CONFOUND OUR COMMON ENEMIES.

2. LONG BORET DESCRIBED ORGANIZATION OF HIS DELEGATION INTO TEAMS WHICH HAD ALREADY CONTACTED ABOUT 40 DELEGATES TO COMBAT EFFORTS TO SEAT SIHANOUK GOVT AND OUST LON NOL REPS. MINISTER SAID KHMER WERE "NOT PESSIMISTIC" SO FAR, BUT FEARED THAT VOTES ON KHMER ISSUE WOULD NOT GO AS WELL AS LAST YEAR. ON POSSIBLE NEW PRO-SIHANOUK ITEM IN GENERAL CMTE, LONG BORET SAID RKG DEL WOULD OPPOSE INSCRIPTION. THEIR ASSESSMENT WAS 7 FOR INSCRIPTION, 11 OPPOSED, AND 7 ABSTENTIONS.

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3. SCALI EMPHASIZED THAT POSITION OF SOVIET DELEGATION

WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT; LONG BORET SAID THEY ANTICIPATED SOVIET ABSTENTION BUT HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE MAKE GOOD CONTACT WITH SOV DEL. SOVIETS ALSO HAVE BEEN EQUIVOCAL WITH US.) SCALI SAID WE TENDED BE MORE CONSERVATIVE IN OUR ESTIMATE AND SUGGESTED TWO DELS COMPARE VOTING ASSESSMENTS IN DETAIL.

4. AFTERNOON SEPT. 27 MISOFFS REVIEWED PROBABLE GENERAL CMTE VOTE ON INSCRIPTION WITH AMB UM SIM AND RKG UN MISSION COUNSELOR, WITH LONG BORET PRESENT FOR PART OF SESSION. ASSUMING ECUADOR (PRESIDENT) NOT VOTING AND SOV BLOC ABSTENTIONS, REVISED PRELIMINARY COUNT SHOWED 9-10 FOR INSCRIPTION, POSSIBLY 6 OR 7 AGAINST AND ABOUT 8 ABSTENTIONS. TRADITIONAL VIEW OF A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, DESPITE THEIR POSITION ON SUBSTANCE, THAT ANY ITEM SERIOUSLY PROPOSED SHOULD BE INSCRIBED MILITATES AGAINST POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO OPPOSE INSCRIPTION, OR TO UPSET INSCRIPTION, IF RECOMMENDED BY GENERAL CMTE, IN GA.

5. ACTIVE AND WELL-STAFFED KHMER DELEGATION FROM ITS SOUNDINGS AND APPROACHES TO OTHER DELS APPEARS TO BELIEVE IT HAS WIDESPREAD AND SYMPATHETIC SUPPORT WHICH COULD BE TRANSLATED INTO FAVORABLE VOTES ON AN ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE. ON OTHER HAND, WE SEE ACTION OF ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN "RECOGNIZING" SIHANOUK AS MOBILIZING SOLIDARITY SENTIMENT (AFRICAN, THIRD WORLD, OR LDC) AGAINST RKG. EVEN THOUGH NUMEROUS DELS ABSTAINED OR RESERVED POSITION ON CAMBODIA AT ALGIERS, SIHANOUK'S CAUSE IN UN CONTEXT WAS BOOSTED SUBSTANTIALLY BY NAC ACTION. EXTENT TO WHICH SIHANOUK'S OWN RECENT PESSIMISTIC STATEMENTS AND SUCCESSES OF RKG ON THE GROUND WILL OFFSET "NON-ALIGNED" SUPPORT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

6. KHMER CONTINUING EFFORTS DEFEAT INSCRIPTION. IF AND WHEN RES SURFACES, WE CAN BETTER ASSESS CHANCES OF INSCRIPTION IN GC. WE BELIEVE THAT WE SEVERELY DAMAGE OUR CHANCES OF DEFEATING SUBSTANTIVE RES IF WE FIGHT AND LOSE ON INSCRIPTION IN GC OR WIN BY NARROW MARGIN SINCE, IN LATTER CASE, THERE POSSIBILITY GA MIGHT

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OVERTURN GC RECOMMENDATION AND VOTE TO INSCRIBE NEW ITEM ANYWAY. IF SOVIETS ONLY WILLING TO ABSTAIN, WE WOULD WISH CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING ITEM BE INSCRIBED "WITHOUT OBJECTION" BY GC AND GA AND MAKE STATEMENT OF RESERVATION IN EACH BODY ON SUBSTANCE. THIS GIVES US PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE OF BEING WILLING TO DISCUSS ANY ITEM, IN US AND UN TRADITION, AND ADDS MORE WEIGHT TO OUR STRONG POSITION ON SUBSTANCE.

7. WE HAVE ALSO COMPARED NOTES WITH UK MISSION
POLITICAL COUNSELOR WEIR WHO WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. HE
DOUBTS, HOWEVER, IF UK WOULD BE WILLING VOTE AGAINST
INSCRIPTION.
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